

SIRES AND SONS.

Mr. Charles Elliot, the newly appointed principal of Hongkong university, speaks twenty-three languages.

James D. Preston, superintendent of the senate press gallery at Washington, began as messenger boy in the gallery.

Senator Smith, who conducted the investigation of the Titanic disaster, started out in life as a newsboy in Grand Rapids, but he always had one eye on the national capital.

Ex-Senator Chauncey M. Depew recently celebrated his seventy-eighth birthday. In replying to congratulations he announced that it was his ambition to live to be 100 years old.

Charles Horace Mayo and William James Mayo, the famous surgeons of Rochester, Minn., came by their profession by inheritance. Their father was a physician.

Archibald Astor Ferguson is the name given to a Washington baby born on the day the Titanic sank and whose parents especially admired the heroism of Major Butt and Colonel Astor.

Jacob B. Schmidlapp, a Cincinnati capitalist, says any family of five members or less can live on \$15 a week and save \$2. "When I was a young man," he says, "I lived on \$2 a week. When I earned \$1,000 a year I saved \$600."

Town Topics.

The town of Ismay, Tex., wants to get its name changed and won't be satisfied with Yamal either.—Washington Post.

Buffalo is maintaining its reputation as one of the most healthful cities in the country. The death rate last year was much less than that of any other city in the United States, and the figures for the first four months of this year show an even greater reduction.—Buffalo Times.

Now that Cincinnati is to have Dr. Ernst Kunwald, who has been for five years conductor of the Berlin Philharmonic orchestra, to succeed Herr Leopold Stokowski as conductor of the Cincinnati Symphony orchestra she will very likely renew her claim to being the musical center of America.—Boston Herald.

Flippant Flings.

The old fashioned little boy who used to hide behind his mother's skirts would stick out on both sides if he tried it now.—Ohio State Journal.

The government reports are funny. One states that the average life of the dollar bill is fourteen months. About fourteen minutes is what it has always seemed.—Duluth Herald.

A Philadelphia explorer has gone to Brazil to obtain moving pictures of a boa constrictor, but we are inclined to think that the films will show some moving pictures of a Philadelphia explorer.—Washington Post.

The Royal Box.

The queen of Norway has a great fondness for the mandolin, which she plays exceedingly well.

Ex-Queen Alexandra's favorite hobbies are water color painting and needlework. Her majesty is an artist of considerable ability and is a skilled embroiderer.

The kaiser does not dance himself, but he takes a great pleasure in watching others while they are dancing. He shows a predilection for ancient dances to the exclusion of others.

Household Helps.

Glue a tape measure firmly across the front edge of your sewing machine. It saves much time when sewing.

When drawing from linen in hem-stitching, save those long, even threads, as they come in handy when mending table linen.

A dust brush, such as painters use before applying paint, will unearth lots of dirt from cracks about the house where no cloth or brooms will reach.

Political Pointers.

Dark horses are still eating their heads off in the stable.—Buffalo Times.

The hide of the whale is two feet thick in some places. What a fine hide that would be for a man running for office!—Philadelphia Press.

Let us hope that something short of a Titanic disaster in politics will serve to awaken the people to the danger of speed mania there.—Albany Journal.

Facts From France.

There are in Paris 200,000 more women than men.

Paris is to raise a loan of \$60,000,000 for improving its gas service.

In 1880 there were three public coaches in operation in the city of Paris.

It is proposed in France to pay a franc additional a day to all married army officers.

Bunched Hits.

Bank O'Day manages as well as he umpired, which is saying a good deal.—Chicago News.

Speaking of "inside" baseball, a team has been organized by the inmates of the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth.—Topeka Capital.

According to a physical culture expert, there is no better exercise than meeting at a ball game. But the amount of exercise a fellow gets depends on the ability of the home team.—Pittsburgh Gazette-Times.

The Life of Luxury.

Feller in an easy chair
Lays the hours go by;
Looks across the bill of fare
As he heaves a weary sigh.
Pictures hangin' on the wall,
Rugs upon the floor—
Has the best an' with it all
Says that life's a bore.

Feller standin' in a brook,
Wet clear to the skin,
Workin' hard with line an' hook—
Never sees a fin;
Tumbles from the mossy rock
That he tries to climb;
Trudges home at six o'clock—
Had a bully time!

—Washington Star.

He Stuttered Too.

Three strangers were in the Pullman smoker when one of them turned to another and asked:

"H-how f-f-f-f-far is it t-t-to P-P-P-Pittsburgh?"

The man addressed made no reply, but got up and left the car. The stut-terer then turned to the third man, who gave him the information.

A few moments afterward the third man met the one who had left the car and said:

"See here! Why did you go out with-out answering when that man asked you a civil question?"

"D-d-do you think I w-w-wanted to s-s-s-get m-my head knocked off?" was the answer.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Pedigree.

First Blooded Dog—Your master has a very long pedigree, I'm told.

Second Ditto—No longer than mine.

First Dog—They say he's inordinately proud of his family tree.

Second Dog—It doesn't show the variety of bark mine does. And, besides, I'm away ahead of him in another respect.

"Eh, how's that?"

"No ancestor of mine was ever hanged."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Song and a Joke.

I breathed a song into the air.
It fell to the ground, I knew not where.
For nowadays not very long
Is the life of any old kind of song.

I breathed a joke into the air.
It fell to the ground, I knew not where.
But a hundred times since then, it's true,
I've read it and heard it sprung as new.
—Kansas City Star.

Fervent Pleading.

They sat in the hotel corridor.

"Gimme just one," he pleaded.

She shook her head.

Presently he emerged into the lobby.

"That fellow was pleading pretty hard for a kiss," remarked a loungee who had overheard the conversation.

"Is that an engaged couple?"

"That couple," said another loungee.

"They're married. It was a dollar he was pleading for; not a kiss."—Kansas City Journal.

Too Dull.

"No," said Bill Squeezer, who was down from Bodie the other day. "No; I didn't go to Judge Podger's wedding. The notice said 'No cards,' and I'm darned if I can fool away a whole evening where there's no chance of a little four-biteante."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

No Joke.

We're all so willing to do good
With money that we're spent;
We're all such cheerful givers when
We haven't got a cent.
—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A Useful Tip.

"How did you get that fine spring overcoat?"

"I had a sure tip on a horse race."

"I never knew one of those sure tips to pan out."

"Neither did I. So I didn't play it. Put the money into an overcoat instead."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Logical Course.

"Yes, sir," said the expert accountant, who had spent a week in looking over the books. "I have found the key to your financial difficulties at last."

"Then there's nothing to do, I suppose," sighed the despondent merchant.

"But to wind up my affairs."—Chicago Tribune.

The Promoter.

The promoter is a pleasant chap.
With ever smiling lips.
He'll furnish all the ocean
If you'll supply the ships.
—Judge.

Glad Prospect.

"I hear they're going to have moving pictures in the schools," said one youth.

"Yes," replied the other. "If they keep on making our studies so enter-taining recess will seem fearfully mo-notonous."—Washington Star.

A Knockout For Science.

Passerby—What's the fuss in the schoolyard, boy?

The Boy—Why, the doctor has just been around examin'g us an' one of the deficient boys is knockin' th' ever-lastin' stuffin' out of a perfect kid.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Economize.

Bards who rhyme and never tire,
Writing paper has gone higher.
Cut your sonnets down to size—
Make the most economical.
—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Power of the Press.

New Merchant—How big an ad. would you advise?

Advertising Man—That depends on how many tons of customers your store floor will sustain. You wouldn't want 'em to break through into the cellar, of course.—Pack.

Wasted Material.

"England owns the Kohinoor, the finest diamond in the world."

"Owns the finest diamond in the world, eh? That seems a shame when she doesn't play baseball."—Louisville Courier-Journal.



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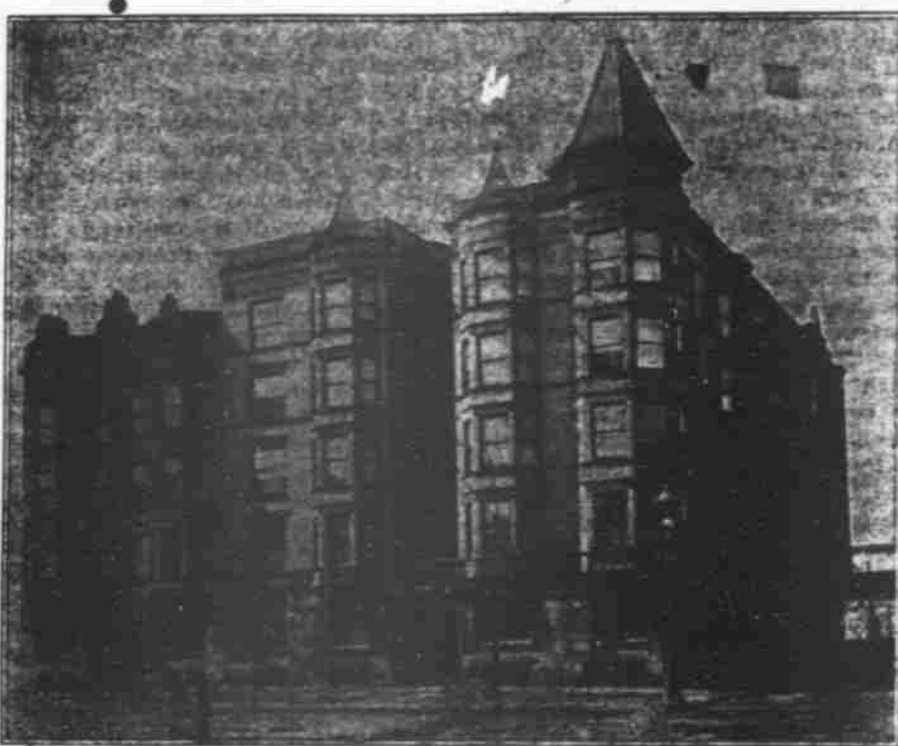
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